

**BRANCHED POLYMERIC SUGARS AND**

**NUCLEOTIDES THEREOF**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

[0211] The present invention provides sugars, nucleotide sugars, activated sugars that include  
5 one or more polymeric modifying moiety within their structure. The invention is exemplified  
by reference to linear and branched polymers, such as the water-soluble polymer  
poly(ethylene glycol).

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